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(*b*) whether the Government propose to re-nominate the same gentleman and if so, why ;

(*c*) whether the Government are aware of the public criticism in the press and platforms in Madras when he was nominated soon after his defeat in the open election; and

(*d*) whether Government propose to consider the claims of the minority classes in filling up this vacancy ?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The term of M.R.Ry. Diwan Bahadur O. Thanikachalam Chettiyar as nominated member of the Madras Corporation expired on 24th November 1928 and Government have in the interests of the municipal administration re-nominated him.

(*c*) Yes, but the relevance of such criticism to this gentleman's re-nomination three years later is not apparent.

(*d*) Does not arise, the vacancy having already been filled.

Nomination of Mr. O. Thanickachalam Chettiyar to the Madras Corporation.

* 1113-B Q.—Mr. C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that Mr. O. Thanikachalam Chettiyar has been nominated again as a member of the Madras Corporation ;

(*b*) whether the Government are aware of the public criticisms levelled against the nomination of Mr. O. Thanikachalam Chettiyar last time ; and

(*c*) why the claims of members of the Viswakarma community in the city were ignored in the matter of the present nomination ?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer given to question No. 1113-A.

(*c*) It was considered that the nomination of Diwan Bahadur Thanikachalam Chettiyar was in the public interest.

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* 1113-C Q.—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) the reasons why he nominated Diwan Bahadur O. Thanikachalam Chettiyar to the Council of the Madras Corporation ;

(*b*) whether the Government are aware that Mr. Thanikachalam Chettiyar stood for election in 1925 and was defeated ; and

(*c*) whether the Minister has any policy with regard to the nomination of defeated candidates to elective bodies, and, if so, what that policy is ?

A.—(*a*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to question No. 1113-A.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) The policy is to nominate candidates defeated at elections only in exceptional cases. The same objection does not apply to re-nominations.